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Mississippi river. It cannot be commended as having any value historically.

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Stories of old Kentucky. By Martha Grassham Purcel, member of the board of education, Paducah, Kentucky. (New York, Cincinnati, and Chicago: American Book Company, 1915. 192 p. \$.66)

Scouting with Daniel Boone. By Everett T. Tomlinson. [Pioneer scout series.] (Garden City, New York: Doubleday, Page and Company, 1914. 303 p. \$1.20 net)

Each of these books deals largely with Daniel Boone and the pioneer days of Kentucky. The first is of somewhat wider scope, as it begins with prehistoric times and contains some matter which bears on later periods of Kentucky history. The narrative is not continuous, but is broken into the form of stories. These are told in unusually well-selected words, adapted to the historical reading of children in the graded schools. The latter part of the book is, perhaps, not quite so successful, as the effort to include some account of Kentucky scientists, artists, literary men, and historians results in what is sometimes no more than a mere list of names. As a whole, however, the work is excellently done.

Mr. Tomlinson's book, on the other hand, is a novel for boys somewhat on the Henty plan. Daniel Boone is the central figure and that truly philosophical pioneer is refined into a veritable Marcus Aurelius. To hold the interest of the boy-readers a youthful hero is provided, whose fortunes link themselves to those of Boone. But this is not enough, and the writer frankly tells the reader that he has made use of "a few adventures on the border which strictly do not belong to this tale," though every one is "true." The author believes there is no better way of inspiring patriotism than by interesting our boys in such heroic men as Daniel Boone. Without attempting to dispute this thesis, one may respectfully question the advisability of attempting to arouse such interest by blurring, with regard to characters that are really historical, the distinction between history and fiction.

Slavery in Missouri, 1804-1865. By Harrison Anthony Trexler, Ph.B., assistant professor of economic history, University of Montana. [Johns Hopkins University studies in historical and political science, series xxxii, no. 2.] (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1914. 259 p. \$1.50)

Mr. Trexler has performed a twofold service: he has written a scholarly and well-organized book on an important subject; and he has, indirectly, demonstrated the value, for historical purposes, of a class of material which, although very extensive, has been heretofore almost untouched by

students — county records. The first three chapters of the study deal with the economic, legal, and social aspects of the institution of slavery, and present conclusions based on a critical and statistical study of a large quantity of detailed material. Then follow chapters of more general interest, although by no means more important, on "The slavery issue in politics and in the churches," "Senator Benton and slavery," and "Missouri and Kansas." The closing chapter treats of "Manumission, colonization, and emancipation."

One of the most valuable features of the book is an extensive critical bibliography covering twelve pages of small type. The material listed includes archives and other manuscript collections; state and federal documents; contemporary pamphlets, reports, memoirs, and travels; newspapers; and secondary works. The location of manuscript material and of newspaper files is indicated in each case, and it is to be regretted that the same practice was not followed for the rare books and pamphlets. Serious gaps in the files of archival materials listed would indicate that Missouri has been as careless as most of the other states about the preservation of public records. Only Missouri newspapers are listed, although it is certain that much valuable material on the subject could have been found in files of the early papers of Kaskaskia and Edwardsville, Illinois. A few slips in the bibliography have been noted, as where "Father John Clark" appears as the author of *A memoir by "an old pioneer,"* although in fact he was the subject of the book, the author being Rev. John Mason Peck.

So excellent a monograph, presenting, as it does, a mass of detailed information, deserves a more adequate index. It is worthy of note, however, that the *Johns Hopkins University studies* are now indexed separately instead of by volumes, each number being complete in itself. Another step in advance would be to give up the practice of grouping the *Studies* into volumes and to assign them consecutive serial numbers.

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The Indians of the Pike's peak region; including an account of the battle of Sand creek, and of occurrences in El Paso county, Colorado, during the war with the Cheyennes and Arapahoes, in 1864 and 1868. By Irving Howbert. (New York: The Knickerbocker Press, 1914. 230 p. \$1.35)

The title of this interesting book is somewhat misleading. Though the first two chapters contain a brief sketch of the customs of the principal Indian tribes formerly inhabiting what is now the state of Colorado, the remaining five chapters deal with the Indian troubles in the region about Pike's peak between 1864 and 1868. This latter is the valuable portion of the book, containing as it does the recollections of a participant in the